

# October 2008

## Potato Creek State Park

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee.  
All programs begin promptly at scheduled times. (Eastern Time Zone)  
**PARENTS:** an adult must accompany Children under 14.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008



**10:00 a.m. TAKE A KID MOUNTAIN BIKING DAY** - Gather for a short safety class, helmet giveaway and escorted ride of all levels by NIMBA members as we observe this national effort. Bring your bikes! **MEET: PEPPERMINT HILL SHELTER**

**2:00 p.m. BEAVER TALES** -. Find out why "Nature's Engineers" are busy at work cutting trees and making wetlands. 40 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

**2:00 p.m. WEBS OF INTRIGUE**. - Come watch this great video about spiders to learn a little about their fascinating lives. 1 hour. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008

**10:00 a.m. LEAF RUBBING** - Make your own leaf guide to take home using this creative rubbing technique. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**2:00 p.m. TURTLE TOPPERS** - Learn about turtles and make yourself a turtle topper to take home with you. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**



### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 2008

**2:00 p.m. AMERICA'S LOST LANDSCAPE: TALLGRASS PRAIRIE** - This extraordinary video takes an in depth look at the prairie ecosystem and its history. 1 hour.

**MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008 \*\*\*\*\*Welcome BSA Iron Horse Hikers\*\*\*\*\*

**2:00 p.m. REPTILE REVIEW!** - Learn a little about the reptiles of the area and then meet one up close. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008

**2:00 p.m. BIRD ID BASICS** - Brush up on your identification techniques as the fall migration is under way. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008

**7:00 p.m. GUEST SPEAKER ON FISH HATCHERIES** - Tom Schwartz, a Fisheries Biologist at Mixsawbah Fish Hatchery will be the guest speaker. 1 hour. Open to all.

**MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008

**7:00 p.m. WATERFOWL HUNTING WORKSHOP** - Pick up tips & tricks, learn about equipment, laws, and safety for waterfowl hunting in this second of the sportsmen's series. Pre registration is requested, but not required. Call the park at (574) 656-8186.



**MEET: NATURE CENTER**

## Halloween Happenings



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008



**10:00 a.m. BATS, SPIDERS & OTHER CREEPY CRAWLIES** - Learn more about a few of the creatures of the season. 30 minutes **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

**11:00 a.m. \$ PUMPKIN CARVING/DECORATING CONTEST** - Get creative and either carve or paint a pumpkin in this fun contest. \$1.00 per pumpkin while supplies last. **MEET: Peppermint Hill Picnic Area**



**12:00 p.m. KID'S COSTUME CONTEST** - Dress up in your favorite Halloween garb and enter in the kids costume contest. Age categories are: 1-3; 4-7; 8-11; & 12-14. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place ribbons will be awarded for the funniest costume, most original costume, prettiest costume, and for the cutest costume. **MEET: Peppermint Hill Picnic Area**

**2:00 p.m. LEAF PRINTS** - Capture the beauty of fall by making a colorful leaf print. Bring a washed T-shirt to decorate or use our paper. 45 minutes. **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

**4:00 - 6:00 p.m. CAMPGROUND TRICK OR TREAT** - Camping ghouls and goblins can wander the campground in search of treats. Campers that are participating should turn on lights or be visible at your campsite to show you are participating. **FOR CAMPERS ONLY.**

**4:00 - 6:00 p.m. CAMP SITE DECORATING CONTEST** - Stroll through the campground to pick your favorite decorated site and cast your ballot at campsite #4. Winner announced at 8:00 p.m. at the Monster Mash dance



**6:30 p.m. POTLUCK SUPPER** - Bring a covered dish to share and spend some time with your fellow campers and park lovers. Hot dogs & drinks provided. Sponsored by the Friends of Potato Creek. **MEET: Peppermint Hill Shelter**

**7:30-9 p.m. \$MONSTER MASH DANCE** - Don't miss this spooktacularly fun family oriented evening dance and games. Costumes Optional Adults \$1 (over 18) Kids 50 cents Under 3 free. **MEET: Peppermint Hill Shelter**

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2008

**2:00 p.m. SECRET WORLD OF BATS** - Come enjoy this fascinating video featuring bats from around the world. 50 minutes. **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**



### October Nature Center Hours (Eastern Time)

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 p.m. Sunday: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays: Noon-4:00p.m. CLOSED: Tues & Wed's & September 6, 9, 10, 13, 30

